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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/805,272	Applicant(s) ELLER, MARTIN	
	Examiner Leonid M. Fastovsky	Art Unit 3742	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/26/05 has been entered.
2. The Office action dated 12/19/05 has been vacated.
3. A new Office Action follows below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bailey in view of Magnetopuls. Bailey teaches a glow plug 10 comprising a rod-shaped heating element 22 composed of an electrically conductive ceramic, an electrically conductive carrier ring 46, and a tubular casing 18 surrounding the rod and the carrier ring.

According to MPEP 2113, claims 1-2 are product-by-process claims and are unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process. *In re Thorpe*, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

In the alternative, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Bailey's invention to include a magnetic forming process as taught by Magnetopuls an alternative method of making the glow plug.

5. Claims 1- 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Haussner et al in view of Magnetopuls.

Haussner teaches a glow plug (Figures 1-6) comprising a rod-shaped heating element 1, an electrically insulated cylindrical carrier ring 3 for attachment to the heating element, an electrically conductive, metal contact sleeve 4, a tubular casing 7 for surrounding the rod-shaped heating element, and the cylinder ring 3 has an external diameter which is greater than that of the sleeve 4.

According to MPEP 2113, claims 1-3 are product-by-process claims and are unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process.

In re Thorpe, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

In the alternative, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Haussner's invention to include a magnetic forming process as taught by Magnetopuls an alternative method of making the glow plug.

Response to Arguments

6. The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 12/23/05 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-3 based upon 35 U.S.C. 102 as set forth in the last Office action because: The examiner has considered a structured limitation such as "magnetic forming process", but the claimed product appears to be the same or similar to that of the prior art.


Applicant must bear in mind that "As a practical matter, the Patent Office is not equipped to manufacture products by the myriad of processes put before it and then obtain prior art products and make physical comparisons therewith". In re Brown, 459 F. 2d 531, 535, 173 USPQ 685, 688 (CCPA 1972).

Further, the magnetic forming process is applied when cylindrical piece is pressed onto another element as disclosed by Magetopuls (Page 3, lines 1-2). Therefore, Applicant must present evidence that glow plugs made by other processes such as press-fit only or heating definitely cause a surface damage or thermal treatment effects.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid M. Fastovsky whose telephone number is 571-272-4778. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 8.00 am -6.00 pm.

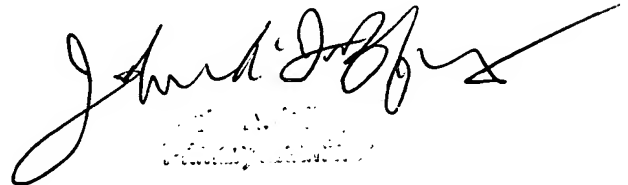
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
Art Unit 3742

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